

REMARKS

Claim Objections

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 1, 7 and 8 are objected to because of the informalities:

Claim 1, line 14: "the negative feedback" should be correctly be --a negative feedback--;

Claims 7 and 8: "third node" and "fourth node" should correctly be --fourth node-- and --third node--, respectively.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 7 and 8 to overcome the asserted objections.

Approval is respectfully requested.

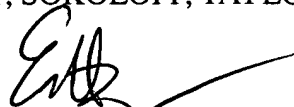
In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8 responsive to the claimed objections noted by the Examiner. Additionally, claims 12 and 13 have been amended. Although not objected to by the Examiner, claims 12 and 13 appear to contain the same defects.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Since the objection to independent claim 1 has been overcome, Applicant submits that the remaining claims, all of which depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 are now in condition for allowance, which early Action is requested.

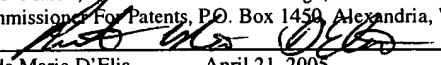
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Respectfully submitted,
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